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Application No. 09/647,748

Group Art Unit: 1771

Filed: October 4, 2000

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Title: PAPER BACKING AND ADHESIVE SHEET USING THE SAME

Enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.
 The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

Claims As Amended							
	(1)	(2) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest No. Previously Paid For	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
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Dear Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated June 10, 2002. Applicant requests that the Examiner enter the amendment in the present application because it places the application in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. A paper backing, for supporting a secondary layer, which has a double-layer paper structure comprising a first paper layer and a second paper layer, said first paper layer and said second paper layer each being manufactured from wood pulp and short fibers, the short fiber having a length within the range of about 3 to 20 mm and comprising polyvinyl alcohol, polyamide, polyester, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyurethane, polyvinyl chloride, polyvinylidene chloride, polyacrylonitrile, rayon, or combinations thereof, wherein said first layer has a blending ratio of short fibers to wood pulp larger than the blending ratio of short fibers to pulp in the second layer.

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